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FM AMEMBASSY BELGRADE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2324

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1. WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS: DESTAN BERISHA, U.S. PASSPORT NO. H540431. SUBJECT NATURALIZED AM CIT YUGOSLAV ORIGIN ARRESTED AUGUST 29, 1967, PRIZREN, YUGOSLAVIA WHILE VISITING RELATIVES AND SENTENCED SAME DATE 20 DAYS IMPRISONMENT BY PETTY SESSIONS MAGISTRATE FOR ALLEGED FAILURE COMPLY YUGOSLAV REGISTRATION LAW WHICH REQUIRES VISITORS REGISTER POLICE WITHIN 48 HOURS ARRIVAL.

2. EMBASSY INFORMED BY LOCAL RELATIVE WHO STATES HOWEVER BERISHA WAS REGISTERED IN VILLAGE NEAR PRIZREN.

3. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED FOND OF ASSISTANCE BOTH ORALLY AND IN WRITING, USING FAIRLY STRONG TONE IN VIEW SEEMINGLY HARSH AND ARBITRARY MANNER LOCAL AUTHORITIES. EMBASSY ENDEAVORING ASCERTAIN

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IF BERISHA HAS OR DESIRES LEGAL COUNSEL.

4. THOUGH PRIZREN RATHER DISTANT AND HARD-TO-REACH TOWN NEAR ALBANIAN BORDER, EMBASSY WILL SEEK ACCESS AND CONSULAR VISIT IF ENCOURAGING NEWS OR SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION NOT RECEIVED WITHIN 24 HOURS.

5. BERISHA'S REGISTRATION LISTS NEXT OF KIN: MRS. TILLY BERISHA, P.O. BOX 453, NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

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